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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN FROM AMBASSADOR BRUCE

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1. THANK YOU FOR REPEATING TO US THE DEPARTMENT'S CAPTIONED CABLE TRAFFIC WITH EMBASSY ATHENS. THESE MESSAGES CONTAIN BACKGROUND INFORMATION WHICH IS MOST USEFUL TO ME.

2. HOWEVER, I MUST POINT OUT THAT NODIS TRAFFIC CARRYING IMMEDIATE PRECEDENCE CAN BE A BIT DISTURBING. THE CODE ROOM NOTIFIED OUR DUTY OFFICER WHEN STATE 019992 ARRIVED. BECAUSE OF THE IMMEDIATE INDICATOR OUR DUTY OFFICER CAME TO THE MISSION SHORTLY BEFORE 3:00 A.M. THIS MORNING; BUT, OF COURSE, SINCE THE MESSAGE BORE THE NODIS CAPTION, HE WAS NOT AUTHORIZED TO READ IT. SO OUR DUTY OFFICER MADE A LONG MOTOR TRIP IN THE WEE HOURS OF THE MORNING WITH A MESSAGE THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN HELD HERE FOR MY READING AT THE OPENING OF BUSINESS.

3. PERHAPS YOU COULD HAVE SOMEONE IN EUR TAKE A LOOK AT SUCH MESSAGES AND DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THOSE THAT REQUIRE IMMEDIATE ACTION AND THOSE THAT DO NOT. WE CAN COPE WITH REGULAR, LIMDIS AND EVEN EXDIS TRAFFIC; BUT THE NODIS CAPTION DOES POSE A SPECIAL PROBLEM.

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